

**DECLARATION/
POWER OF ATTORNEY
FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN
PATENT APPLICATION**

Declaration Submitted With Initial Filing (37 CFR 1.63)

Declaration Submitted after Initial Filing (surcharge (37 CFR 1.16 (e)) required)

Supplemental Declaration (37 CFR 1.67)

Attorney Docket Number:	ARS-103US
First Named Inventor:	James R. Becker
COMPLETE IF KNOWN	
Application Number:	10/699,713
Filing Date:	11/03/2003
Art Unit:	1732
Examiner Name:	

I hereby declare that:

Each inventor's residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to their name.

I believe the inventor(s) named below to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

DRY ICE BLOCK EXTRUDER

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which

is attached hereto

OR

was filed on (MM/DD/YYYY) November 3, 2003 as United States Application or PCT International Application Number 10/699,713

and was amended on (MM/DD/YYYY) ____ (if applicable). I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or (f), or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application Number(s)	Country	Foreign Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Priority Not Claimed	Certified Copy Attached?
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Additional foreign application numbers are listed on a supplemental priority data sheet attached hereto.

Declaration/Power Of Attorney for Utility or Design Patent Application (continued)

I hereby appoint:

Practitioners at Customer Number **23122**

OR

Practitioner(s) named below:

Name	Registration Number

as my/our attorney(s) or agent(s) to prosecute the application identified above, and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

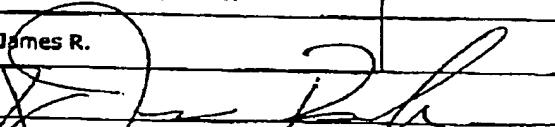
Direct all correspondence to:	<input type="checkbox"/> Practitioners Customer Number listed above; OR	<input type="checkbox"/> Correspondence Address Below
-------------------------------	---	---

Name:

Address:

City:	State:	Zip:
Country:	Telephone:	Fax:

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Name of Sole or First Inventor:		<input type="checkbox"/> A Petition has been filed for this unsigned Inventor.	
Given Name (first and middle (if any))		Family Name or Surname	
James R.		Becker	
Inventor's Signature			Date: <u>5/10/05</u>
Residence: City: Boerne	State: Texas	Country: U.S.	Citizenship: U.S.
Mailing Address: 104 Eagle Court			
Mailing Address:			
City: Boerne	State: Texas	Zip: 78006	Country: U.S.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Additional inventors are listed on the next page.			

Declaration/Power Of Attorney for Utility or Design Patent Application
(continued)

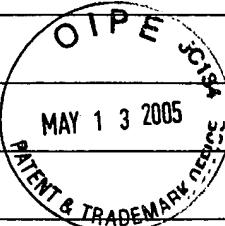
Name of Second Inventor:		<input type="checkbox"/> A Petition has been filed for this unsigned inventor.	
Given Name (first and middle (if any))		Family Name or Surname	
Russel G., Jr.		Allen	
Inventor's Signature	<i>Russel S. Allen Jr.</i>		Date: 11-11-04
Residence: City: San Antonio	State: TX	Country: U.S.	Citizenship: U.S.
Mailing Address: 4605 Tex Woods			
Mailing Address:			
City: San Antonio	State: TX	Zip: 78249	Country: U.S.
Name of Third Inventor:		<input type="checkbox"/> A Petition has been filed for this unsigned inventor.	
Given Name (first and middle (if any))		Family Name or Surname	
Inventor's Signature			Date: _____
Residence: City:	State:	Country:	Citizenship:
Mailing Address:			
Mailing Address:			
City:	State:	Zip:	Country:
Name of Fourth Inventor:		<input type="checkbox"/> A Petition has been filed for this unsigned inventor.	
Given Name (first and middle (if any))		Family Name or Surname	
Inventor's Signature			Date: _____
Residence: City:	State:	Country:	Citizenship:
Mailing Address:			
Mailing Address:			
City:	State:	Zip:	Country:
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional inventors are listed on		Supplemental Sheet(s).	

ASSIGNMENT - Patent Application

Docket Number: ARS-103US

Whereas, the Assignor, comprising the following named inventors:

ASSIGNOR(s)/ INVENTOR(s)	1. James R. Becker	2. Russel G. Allen, Jr.
	3.	4.
	5.	6.



Made an invention entitled: **DRY ICE BLOCK EXTRUDER**

for which an application for Letters Patent of the United States:
(Select one of the following):

- is executed concurrently herewith
 was filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on November 3, 2003,
as U.S. Patent Application Serial No.: 10/699,713

ASSIGNEE (Full Name and Address)	Airgas Dry Ice 4754 Shavano Oak Suite 102 San Antonio, TX 78249-4027
-------------------------------------	---

is desirous of acquiring the entire interest in and to said invention and the Letters Patent to be obtained therefor,

Now, therefore, in consideration of the payment by Assignee to Assignor of a sum corresponding to One Dollar (\$1.00), and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Assignor, intending to be legally bound, hereby sells, assigns and transfers to Assignee, its successors and assigns the full and exclusive right, title and interest in and to said invention, all applications for Letters Patent for said invention, including all divisions, continuations, and continuations-in-part thereof, all rights to claim priority based thereon, and all Letters Patent, including reissues, to be obtained therefor, including any and all foreign patent rights in this invention corresponding thereto.

Assignor hereby warrants that no assignment, sale, agreement or encumbrance has been or will be made or entered into which would conflict with this Assignment.

Assignor agrees it shall be legally bound, upon request of the Assignee or its successors or assigns or a legal representative thereof, to supply all information and evidence of which the Assignor has knowledge or possession, relating to the making and practice of said invention, to testify in any legal proceeding relating thereto, to execute all instruments proper to patent the invention in the United States of America and foreign countries in the name of the Assignee, and to execute all instruments proper to carry out the intent of this instrument.

If the invention requires a biological deposit, Assignor also grants to Assignee such control over any deposit made by Assignor as may be necessary to the validity of the patent rights assigned herein.

ASSIGNMENT - Patent Application

Docket Number: ARS-103US

Assignor authorizes Assignor's attorney to insert at the end hereof, the serial number and filing date of the aforesaid application for United States Letters Patent and/or the Attorney Docket or file designation for this application if not identified above.

If the Assignor includes more than one individual, these obligations shall apply to these individuals both individually and collectively.

In witness whereof, this Assignment is executed on the day indicated below.

Typed or Printed Name

Signature

Date

1. **James R. Becker**

* Witness to Assignor #1

2. **Russel G. Allen, Jr.**
11-11-04

* Witness to Assignor #2

3.

* Witness to Assignor #3

4.

* Witness to Assignor #4

5.

* Witness to Assignor #5

6.

* Witness to Assignor #6

Application for United States Letters Patent:

Serial No.: 10/699,713Filed: November 3, 2003Attorney Docket Number: ARS-103US

Total Number of Assignment Pages

2

* Witness signature recommended, mandatory for some countries

PATENT ASSIGNMENT

COPY

WHEREAS, I, James R. Becker ("Assignor"), a citizen of the United States, residing at 104 Eagle Court, Boerne, Texas 78006, am the inventor of the invention entitled "Dry Ice Block Extruder," for which I have executed an application for a patent of the United States of even date herewith; and

WHEREAS, Airgas Dry Ice, a Texas corporation ("Assignee"), is desirous of obtaining the entire right, title and interest in, to and under the same invention and the said application:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to the said ASSIGNOR in hand paid, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged; I, the said ASSIGNOR, have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in, to and under the said invention, and the said United States application and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Patents of the United States which may be granted thereon and all reissues thereof; and all applications for industrial property protection, including, without limitation, all applications for patents, utility models, and designs which may hereafter be filed for said invention in any country or countries foreign to the United States, together with the right to file such applications and the right to claim for the same the priority rights derived from said United States application under the Patent Laws of the United States, the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, or any other international agreement or the domestic laws of the country in which any such application is filed, as may be applicable; all forms of industrial property protection, including, without limitation, patents, utility models and design which may be granted for said invention in any country or countries foreign to the United States and all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof; and any and all causes of action thereto that may have heretofore accrued in ASSIGNOR's favor;

AND I HEREBY authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States, and any Official of any country or countries foreign to the United States, whose duty it is to issue patents or other evidence or forms of industrial property protection on applications as aforesaid, to issue the same to the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

AND I HEREBY covenant that I have full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that we have not executed, and will not execute, any agreement in conflict herewith.

AND I HEREBY further covenant and agree that I will communicate to the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, any facts known to me respecting said invention, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisions, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid the said ASSIGNEE,

COPY

COPY

its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said invention in all countries.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set our hands and seal this 23 day of October
2003.


James R. Becker

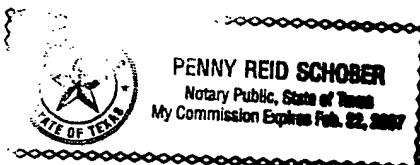
STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF BEXAR §

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared JAMES R. BECKER, known to me to be the person of that name, who signed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed.

GIVEN under my hand and seal of office this 23 day of Oct., 2003.

Penny Reid Schober
Notary Public, State of Texas
Penny Reid Schober
Printed Name of Notary

Commission Expires 02-22-07



COPY